

Navy Legalman Honored With Top Notary Award

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN -- The National Notary Association (NNA) has selected Legalman First Class Edward Holland as a 2007 Notary of the Year Special Honoree, an award given annually to four American Notary Publics for dedicated, exemplary, and unsurpassed service to a community.

Holland is a senior paralegal stationed at Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Pacific located in Yokosuka, Japan.

The NNA lauded Holland for providing more than 6,888 notary services since March 2005 to Navy members, their families and civilian employees.

Holland's "efforts have had a direct impact on our nation's forward-deployed readiness in fighting the global war on terrorism," said Timothy Reiniger, executive director for NNA.

An NNA committee selects notaries who "best exemplify the ideals of integrity, impartiality, competence and public service in their critical role as America's front line of defense against identity theft and document fraud,"

according to a letter sent by NNA to Holland.

"In an overseas environment, [Holland's] willingness to be available as a notary at any hour has provided a great service to Sailors, families and others serving with our forces," said Rear Adm. James W. Houck, Commander Naval Legal Service Command.

Notary public is one of many services provided by NLSO to guarantee Sailor Legal Readiness, which ensures Sailors can deploy and operate without concern about unresolved personal legal matters.

"Holland is a superb paralegal and Sailor, and this recognition acknowledges his individual outstanding service and in many ways, embodies the National Notary Association's appreciation for the outstanding service all of our legalmen provide everyday," said Capt. Jon Fink, Commanding Officer for NLSO Pacific.

Holland will be featured in an upcoming issue of "The National Notary" and will be honored at the 2007 NNA



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Annual Conference for his award.

"I am not deserving of all the praise but I am happy to say that the news made my wife and my family very happy," said Holland. "I am honored; but for now I am focused on the mission."

A banner for "N@VY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE Communities of Practice". The background is a blue circuit board pattern. The text "N@VY" is in large blue letters, with "@VY" in a stylized font. Below it, "KNOWLEDGE ONLINE" is in smaller blue letters. "Communities of Practice" is in large red letters. Below that, "Authoritative reach back for Fleet Legal Professionals" is in smaller red letters. On the left, there is a small image of a hand typing on a keyboard. To the right of the keyboard image, the text "Civil Law", "Legal Assistance", and "Military Justice" is listed in large blue letters. At the bottom, the website "WWW.NKO.NAVY.MIL" is written in large blue letters.

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